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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SAUVAGNARGUES TO THE SECRETARY
ROME FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SAUVAGNARGUES, IN RESPONSE TO
KISSINGER MESSAGES OF JUNE 16, TRANSMITTED BY FRENCH EMBASSY
HERE JUNE 23.

BEGIN TEXT

MY DEAR HENRY:

THE POLAND TRIP DELAYED MY REPLY TO YOUR MESSAGES OF JUNE 16
FOR WHICH I THANK YOU.

I BELIEVE--LIKE YOU-- THAT THESE DIRECT EXCHANGES AND THE
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SPIRIT OF TRUST WHICH PROMPTS THEM ARE OF THE GREATEST USE,

BOTH FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE VERY GRAVE PROBLEMS CONFRONT-
ING US AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF QUOTE THE SPIRIT OF
MARTINIQUE UNQUOTE BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES. IN
THIS REGARD, CANDOR IS ALSO INDISPENSABLE AND I MUST ADMIT
THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH, IN A RECENT INTERVIEW, YOU ALLUDED
TO MR. TRUDEAU'S SUGGESTION AT THE LAST ATLANTIC COUNCIL
APPEARED TO ME SOMEWHAT CALCULATED TO REVIVE A NEEDLESS

QUARREL AND INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAD BEEN SAID BETWEEN US
AND WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AT PARIS AND AT
BRUSSELS.

LET US TURN TO TWO MATTERS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST.

1. RESPECTING THE CSCE, IT MUST BE CONCLUDED, AND THE
SETTING OF THE JULY 22 DATE IS TACTICALLY TO OUR ADVANTAGE.
THE QUESTION OF THE FORMULA OF RESERVATION OF QUADRIPARTITE
RIGHTS, FOR WHICH I THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING,
APPEARS TO BE ON THE VERGE OF BEING SETTLED.

2. RESPECTING DIALOGUE, OUR POSITIONS ARE MUCH CLOSER,
BUT I AM AWARE OF YOUR INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND BELIEVE THAT
GROUND STILL REMAINS TO BE COVERED.

RESPECTING PROCEDURE, FOR OUR PART WE HAVE NO PRECONCEIVED
IDEA AND ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT WHAT WILL BE LIKELY TO
RECEIVE GENERAL APPROVAL IN CONDITIONS SUITED NOT ONLY TO
ENSURE THE RESUMPTION, BUT ABOVE ALL TO GUARANTEE THE
PURSUIT AND CONTINUATION, OF THE DIALOGUE. OUR THOUGHTS
ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN MADE KNOWN TO YOU AND I SHALL
NOT GO OVER THEM AGAIN. BUT I AM THOROUGHLY CONVINCED
OF THE NEED FOR AN APPROACH THAT IS BOTH GLOBAL UNDER-
LINED AND DIFFERENTIATED UNDERLINED.

YOUR FORMULA FOR ALMOST IMMEDIATE SPLITTING INTO THREE
COMMITTEES OF ACTUALLY UNEQUAL STATUS, WHOSE RESULTS
COULD NO LONGER BE COMPARED, CANNOT IN MY VIEW RECEIVE THE
APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH WILL INEVITABLY
INTERPRET IT IN TERMS OF PRIORITY FOR ENERGY.

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NOR DO WE HAVE A RIGID DOCTRINE ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE
NEW MEETING. NONETHELESS, YOU WILL ADMIT THAT YOUR
REASONING AGAINST THE 27 FORMULA IS EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO
THE 10 FORMULA. FURTHERMORE, THE TWO COULD FORESEEABLY
BE COMBINED.

ON ALL THESE POINTS WE SHALL SEE WHAT THE BILATERAL
EXPLORATIONS, WHICH ALL ARE CONDUCTING, YIELD, AND WE

SHALL DISCUSS THE MATTER AGAIN IN JULY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON AND REMAIN,

CORDIALLY YOURS,

JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES

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